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Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes November 5, 2014 Southeast Maricopa Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on November 5, 2014 at the Family Resource Center, 817 North Country Club Road, Mesa, Arizona 85201. Chair David called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present

Chair Anna David, Vice Chair Detza Van Bogaert, Council Members Dee Tamminen, Abigail Conley, and Chris Scarpati. Council Members Bill Schultz and Jamie Breau attended the meeting telephonically. Chair David invited new Member Schultz to introduce himself.

Members Absent

Council members Jack Dillenberg, Sherreis Moreland, and Maggie Pfaffenberger

Members of the Public

There were 8 members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2014

Council Member Tamminen moved to accept the October 14, 2014 minutes. Member Scarpati seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

SFY 2016-18 Funding Plan Development

Chair David reviewed School Readiness Indicators with the Council and gave an overview of the topics to be discussed in the meeting.

Strategies and Approaches

Senior Director Sabatini reviewed an attachment that captured the 2016 needs and identified approaches from the Council in the last meeting. The attachment included:

- Regional Priority Need (general)
- Specific Need
- Target Population
- Approaches to Address Need
- School Readiness Indicator Correlated to Approach

Senior Director Sabatini presented the funding deficit if the strategies were maintained at the current funding levels. She explained that every strategy will be reviewed then the Council will decide if the strategy will remain constant, revised or not moved forward. The Evaluation dollars and the Quality First package will be funded and the dollar amount of the Quality First scholarship funding determined by the Council.

Northwest Regional Director Christi Lyons led a discussion of the strategies/approaches by goal area. The Council talked about the importance of each strategy and how each aligned to the School Readiness Indicators.

Family Support

- Family Resource Centers, System Navigators, Parenting Education. The Council discussed the need for Family Support to raise awareness to parents of the resources and referrals available to their families. The Family Support approaches were discussed. Options could be to combine approaches to have one Grantee. The Grantees can partner with other agencies to respond to the community's needs. The use of Navigator was discussed to add to the scope work for new Request For Grant Application (RFGA). The



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RFGA should be specific, clear and detailed when combining approaches while reducing cost. The Council would like to see Family Resource Centers, System Navigators, and Parenting Education combined into one RFGA. Community Outreach Coordinator John Taylor gave an explanation of how the current Family Resource Center administers Parenting Education.

- Home Visitation. Senior Director Sabatini responded to questions Member Schultz had about Home Visitation. The strategy could target the general, high risk or a mixed population.

Early Childhood Health and Development

- Oral Health. The Council discussed continuing the Oral Health Strategy through a multi-regional approach. This would be working with other regions to find an administrative home.
- Care Coordination/Medical Home. The Council discussed other agencies through the RFGA process providing the same service as Care Coordination/Medical Home. This strategy was identified as a low priority.
- Child Care Health Consultation, Promote Empower Program, Health Insurance Enrollment, Onsite health Care at child care settings, Parent Awareness Campaign. It was decided not to move forward with these five strategies.

Early Care and Education

- Quality First. The Council will continue funding at the current level.
- Quality First Scholarships. Quality First Scholarship Specialist Kelly Adu'Elohiym explained how the budget tool sets the trend and projects the dollars for the scholarships. Director Lyons gave several ways the scholarships can be dispersed. Ms. Adu'Elohiym explained the base scholarships for three-five star rated centers must be given before funds are given to two star centers. The Council agreed to fund the scholarships at some level.
- College Scholarships. Director Lyons told the Council about the statewide funding for college scholarships. Senior Director Sabatini will find out if the Boeing Scholarship fund set aside for Mesa will be used before the First Things First funds.
- Mental Health Consultation. The Council would like to continue this strategy at some level.
- Family, Friend and Neighbor. The Council will move forward with this strategy.
- Incentives to Quality Programs. This approach will not go forward.
- REWARD\$. Director Lyons described the REWARD\$ process and the Council will not move forward with the strategy.
- Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals (Director Mentoring Program). This strategy will move forward.
- Recruitment into the Field; Partnering with Valley Metro to address transportation needs of community; Purchase Bus. These approaches will not move forward.

Service Coordination and Communication

- Service Coordination. The Council will fund this strategy in the amount of \$50,000.
- Community Outreach. The Council will fund this strategy in the amount of \$85,000.
- Community Awareness. The Council will fund this strategy in the amount of \$30,000.
- Media. The Council will fund this strategy in the amount of \$50,000.

Strategy Allotments

Chair David presented information about Conflict of Interest. Anyone with a conflict was instructed to fill out the Conflict of Interest form. Member Scarpati verbally declared conflict of interest with home visitation due to employment. Vice Chair Van Bogaert declared a conflict of interest with mental health consultation due to employment.



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Senior Director Sabatini opened a discussion on the FY2016-2018 Funding Plan. She introduced Annette Garcia, Fiscal Specialist, and Dana Browning, Lead Fiscal Specialist. As the Council was discussing the various strategies, Ms. Garcia and Ms. Browning made the changes to the financial spreadsheet on the screen. After discussion, the Council determined to start with the funding levels listed below.

Family Support - \$750,000

- Family Resource Center
- This strategy will include the components health insurance enrollment, parenting education, navigator, and parent awareness.
- The target service units will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Coordinator Taylor will bring Family Resource Center information in the Queen Creek Unified School District to the next meeting. Member Schultz will speak to Maria Silva and inquire about the source of the Queen Creek funding.
- Home Visitation could not be discussed due lack of quorum because of Conflict of Interest.

Let the record show that Member Schultz left the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Childhood Health and Development

- Oral Health - \$250,000
- Care Coordination /Medical Home – undecided

Early Care and Education

- Mental Health Consultation could not be discussed due to lack of quorum because of Conflict of Interest. \$514,038 was entered as a place holder.
- Family, Friend and Neighbor was removed as a funded strategy. End of contract date to be determined at the next meeting.
- Director Mentoring - \$160,000
- Quality First Scholarships - \$3,000,000 each year

Service Coordination and Communication

- Service Coordination - \$50,000
- Community Outreach - \$85,000
- Community Awareness - \$30,000
- Media - \$50,000

Chair David reminded the Council that voting will take place during the November 25, 2014 meeting.

Call to the Public

There were three Calls to the Public.

Adrienne Decker Delgado from Find Help Phoenix thanked the Council for their funding and support and provided the Council with a few statistics of their work at Find Help Phoenix.

Erin Raden from the Arizona Child Care Association wanted the Council to know child care centers rely on the Quality First Scholarship program and asked that the scholarships continue.

Angel Hesseltine from the Phoenix Children's Academy talked about the grateful families that receive the scholarships and asked that the scholarships continue.



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Council Member Updates

There were no Council member updates.

Chair David announced that Regional Director Melde will return to work on November 10 and will attend the next meeting.

Senior Director Sabatini explained about the DVD training that was given to each Council member. She shared what training topics are on the disc and encouraged them to review it at their leisure.

Adjournment

Chair David adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Next meeting is November 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Approved:

Anna David, Regional Council Chair